(a) whether there is any proposal for electrification of broad gauge line upto Rohtak;

(b) whether there is any proposal to start any new DMU train on this line from Delhi to Rohtak;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) the time by which such train is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) There is no proposal for electrification of Broad Gauge line upto Rohtak, however the line from Delhi to Shakurbasti which is a part of Delhi-Rohtak section is already electrified.

(b) to (d) Diesel Push-Pull services have been started on Delhi-Rohtak (one pair) and Delhi-Rohtak-Jind (one pair) sections w.e.f. 15.8.96.

[Translation]

"Mess" Employees

4160. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry propose to regularise the services of mess employees working in the Regional Training Schemes, Muzaffarpur and other places;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[English]

Pakistanis in Indian Jails

4161. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Pakistani in Indian Jails and the number out of them arrested in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the number of arrested Pakistanis who have completed their term of imprisonment and are waiting for their repatriation;

(c) whether some Pakistani women have been arrested on the charges of being spies and agents of ISI of Pakistan;

(d) the number of women out of them arrested in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDERJIT GUPTA) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

[Translation]

Broad Gauge Conversion

4162. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have included the conversion work of Ajmer-Mahesana and Marwar Junction-Jodhpur railway lines and also Bandi Kui-Agra Fort metre gauge railway lines into broad gauge lines in the new rail budget of 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating by the total amount sanctioned for the said purpose;

(c) the time by which the said conversion work is proposed to be commenced and expected to be completed; and

(d) the reasons for which conversion work of these lines has not yet been started and targets not yet achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c) The works are already in progress. The sanctioned cost and outlay in the budget 96-97 is as under :

Name of the Project	Cost	Outlay	Target Date
		(In thousands of Rs.)	
Ajmer-Mahesana	447,08.00	178,00,00	Feb.'97
Jodhpur-Marwar	58,00.00	50,00,00	Feb.'97
Agra Fort Bandi Kui	88,73,00 (87,00,00 under bolt)	60,10,00 (60,00,00 under Bolt)	Dec.'97

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Construction of Foot Over Bridge

4163. SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to construct a foot-over-bridge on the railway lines near Railway station on Bombay sub-line in view of the public demand; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Following works of construction of Foot Over Bridges for passengers/public are in hand/under planning in Bombay suburban section :

1. Charni Road Station : Construction of Foot Over Bridge in replacement of existing Foot Over Bridge. Work in progress.